

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
MAPLE-STEELE JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
APRIL 2, 2015

The Maple-Steele Joint Water Resource District met on April 2, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Jurgen Suhr, Chairman; Rodger Olson, and Gerald Melvin, Maple River Water Resource District; Josh Ihry, Greg Thykeson (by telephone), and Tor Bergstrom (by telephone), Steele County Water Resource District; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Brenda Lovgren, Administrative Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Mike Opat, Engineer for the Board; and Pat Downs, Red River Retention Authority.

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Ihry, seconded by Manager Olson and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the January 14 and February 5, 2015, meetings, as presented.

Upper Maple River Dam – state permit

The Office of the State Engineer has approved *Construction Permit No. 2452* regarding the Upper Maple River Dam Project.

Upper Maple River Dam – Agreement with Carpenter Township

It was moved by Manager Olson and seconded by Manager Melvin to approve the *Agreement* between the Maple-Steele Joint Water Resource District and Carpenter Township relating to the Upper Maple River Dam, with payment of \$50 the first hour and \$20 each subsequent hour spent by each of its Township Officers, and to appoint Moore Engineering, Inc. as the Land Manager. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Upper Maple River Dam – right of way

A hearing is scheduled April 7, 2015, regarding acquisition of the Ralph and Cleo Thompson Farm, LLP property regarding the Upper Maple River Dam. Project construction is not affected and will proceed as scheduled.

It was moved by Manager Ihry and seconded by Manager Melvin to approve the *Lease Agreement* for 2015 with Harold J. Zerface and Rebecca L. Zerface in the NE 1/4 of Section 35 in Carpenter Township. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Opat updated the Board on project right of way.

Upper Maple River Dam – material testing

Mike Opat reviewed the bid tabulation regarding material testing for the Upper Maple River Dam Project. Three bids were received with Northern Technologies, Inc. being the apparent low bidder.

It was moved by Manager Olson and seconded by Manager Melvin to award the contract for material testing to Northern Technologies, Inc. for the low bid of \$61,750 regarding the Upper Maple River Dam Project. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Opat informed the Board that all invoices related to material testing will filter through H&S Contracting, Inc. for payment.

Upper Maple River Dam – bond

John Shockley is working on bond options for the Upper Maple River Dam Project.

Upper Maple River Dam – cost share

Mike Opat reviewed the *Engineer's Statement of Cost* with the Board. Discussion was held on additional project costs due to changes in design requirements and requesting additional cost-share from the State Water Commission. Mr. Opat is prepared to justify the need for additional cost-share at the next State Water Commission meeting.

It was moved by Manager Melvin and seconded by Manager Ihry to request additional cost-share from the State Water Commission regarding the Upper Maple River Dam Project. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Upper Maple River Dam – construction contract

It was moved by Manager Ihry and seconded by Manager Bergstrom to award the contract to H & S Contracting, Inc. for the low bid of \$5,396,570.66, to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract, and to issue the *Notice to Proceed* regarding the Upper Maple River Dam Project. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be considered by the Board, it was moved by Manager Olson, seconded by Manager Melvin and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

Jurgen Suhr
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer